

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of March 6, 1996 (61 FR 8961), FDA announced the availability of a draft guidance document entitled "Discussion for Designing Clinical Programs for Developing Drugs, Devices, or Biological Products Intended for the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)" also referred to as "Draft Guidance for Industry in Designing Clinical Programs for Developing Human Drugs, Medical Devices, or Biological Products Intended for the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis." The agency also announced that it was holding a public workshop on March 27, 1996, to discuss the draft guidance. The agency is now announcing a second public workshop to discuss the draft guidance as it pertains to JRA.

New treatment modalities being developed for JRA may have beneficial effects that are different from traditional agents. However, uncertainty exists among experts in rheumatology clinical trials about the types of labeling claims that might be reasonably pursued for these agents and what evidence would be necessary to support such claims. In addition, there is a need to discuss endpoints for JRA trials, and whether functional/quality-of-life or radiographic claims are appropriate.

FDA, through its Rheumatology Working Group, has developed a draft guidance document for industry that provides an overview of some design problems that are encountered in JRA trials intended for product development. FDA is sponsoring a public workshop to provide an opportunity for experts in rheumatology clinical trials and interested representatives of industry, academia, and the public to discuss the working draft of the guidance document and to exchange ideas on developing and assessing new treatment modalities for JRA as well as the types of claims that might be reasonably pursued and the evidence necessary to support such claims.

After consideration of all data, information, or views submitted on the draft guidance at the workshop, FDA will issue a final guidance document and announce its availability with a notice published in the Federal Register.

Dated: June 17, 1996.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

Agenda Purpose: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Committee Name: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: July 2, 1996.

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Contact Person: Phyllis D. Artis, Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-6470.

Committee Name: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: July 3, 1996.

Time: 3 p.m.

Place: Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Contact Person: Phyllis D. Artis, Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 2087, Telephone: 301, 443-6470.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable materials and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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Dated: June 17, 1996.

Susan K. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research; FY 1996 Funding Availability for the Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC) Program: Notice of Correction of Eligibility

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: FY 1996 funding availability; notice of correction.

SUMMARY: On May 16, 1996, HUD published a notice that announced the availability of \$7.4 million for the Community Outreach Partnership Centers program. The purpose of this notice is to revise the eligibility criteria for first-round COPC grantees applying for Institutionalization Grants. The notice also revises the amount set aside for these grants.

DATES: The notice does NOT revise the application deadline of July 25, 1996, set forth in the May 16, 1996 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Karadbil, Office of University Partnerships, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8110, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1537; (TTY) (202) 708-0770, or 1-800-877-8399. Other than the "800" number, these are not toll-free numbers.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 16, 1996, HUD published a notice that announced the availability of \$7.4 million in funding for the Community Outreach Partnership Centers (COPC) program. The NOFA added a new type of grant under the program—Institutionalization Grants—for which only first-round (FY 1994) COPC grantees are eligible to compete. The NOFA placed two further conditions on eligibility for these grants. First, universities awarded Joint Community Development (JCD) grants are not eligible for Institutionalization Grants. Second, institutions of higher education that received grants as consortia in the first-round are required to apply again as consortia, with all current member institutions participating in the proposed Institutionalization Grant, and with the same lead applicant as the current COPC.

A problem has arisen with these two criteria, which unfairly eliminates a consortium from the competition. A consortium, composed of three universities, won a first-round grant.